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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR P&B DATA FOR A-37 AIRCRAFT

1. RECENT CORRESPONDENCE TO USMILGP COLOMBIA BY THE CHIEF OF THE JOINT GENERAL STAFF OF COLOMBIA PROPOSED A \$9 MIL DOLLAR FMS CREDIT EXPENDITURE FOR TACTICAL AIRCRAFT. GENERAL RODRIGUEZ COMMANDER OF THE COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE, HAS REQUESTED THE AIR FORCE SECTION OF THE USMILGP TO PROVIDE PRICE (BUDGETARY) AND AVAILABILITY OF A-37 TYPE AIRCRAFT TO FULFILL THIS REQUIREMENT.
2. THE COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE (FAC) PLANS TO STATION THESE AIRCRAFT AT A NEW BASE AT BARRANQUILLA ON THE NORTH COAST OF COLOMBIA TO ASSIST THE NAVY IN COASTAL SURVEILLANCE AND TO INTERDICT FOREIGN AIRCRAFT ILLEGALLY PENETRATING COLOMBIAN AIR SPACE FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSPORTING CONTABAND THE AIRCRAFT WOULD ALSO SUPPORT THE ARMY IN THE TRADITIONAL TACTICAL CLOSE AIR SUPPORT ROLE.
3. APPROVAL OF THIS REQUEST WOULD HAVE LITTLE OR NO IMPACT ON RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. THE COMBAT RADIUS OF THE AIRCRAFT COMBINET WITH LOCATION OF AVAILABLE AIRFIELDS WOULD ALMOST PRECLUDE DEPLOYMENT OUTSIDE OF COLOMBIAN BORDERS. AS TO THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THIS ACQUISITION, THE A-37 HAS A COMPARATIVELY UNCLASSIFIED

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LOW ACQUISITION AND OPERATING COST. CERTAINLY, IF COLOMBIA IS DETERMINED TO ACQUIRE THIS CAPABILITY THEN THE A-37 WOULD IMPACT LESS ON THE COLOMBIAN ECONOMY THAN OTHER ALTERNATIVES.

4. IN SUMMARY, AS COLOMBIAN PLANS TO USE FMS CREDITS TO FINANCE THESE AIRCRAFT, EVENTUAL PURCHASE WOULD BE DEPENDENT ON THE LEVELS OF SUCH CREDITS AND THE PRIORITY FOR ACQUISITION PLACED BY

THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT. WE BELIEVE THE APPROVAL OF THIS
ACQUISITION WOULD NOT AFFECT THE ARMS SITUATION IN LATIN AMERICA
AND WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES.
IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, REQUEST BUDGETARY PRICE AND AVAILABILITY
OF BOTH NEW AND U.S. AIR FORCE EXCESS A-37 AIRCRAFT BE
PROVIDED TO USMILGP COLOMBIA FOR RELAY TO THE FAC.
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